

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: <b>Batson, et al.</b>	§	Case: APPM/5090/FET/FET/DV
Serial No.: <b>09/886,307</b>	§	Filed: <b>June 19, 2001</b>
Examiner: <b>Czekaj, David J.</b>	§	Group Art Unit: <b>2613</b>
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For: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUBSTRATE IMAGING</b>	§	
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 3, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 3, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Applicants believe that a fee for excess independent claims is due in connection with response. This fee has been paid with the submission of this paper using the Patent Electronic Business Center. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due for this Response to counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782.